

REMARKS:

Claims 1-17 and 22-26 are currently pending in the application. Please cancel Claims 1-17 and 22-25 without prejudice. Upon entry of this Amendment After Final, only allowed Claim 26 will remain pending in the present application.

The indication by the Examiner, that Claim 26 is allowed is noted with appreciation.

All of the rejections set forth in the present Office Action are considered moot since the rejections are all directed to cancelled claims, as discussed herein.

Claims 1, 4-9, 12-17, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,774,553 to Jensen ("Jensen"). Since Claims 1, 4-9, 12-17, and 23 have been cancelled, this rejection is considered moot.

Claims 22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,155,427 to Larsen ("Larsen"). Since Claims 22 and 24 have been cancelled, this rejection is considered moot.

Claims 2, 3, 10, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over either Jensen in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,244,677 to Noehren et al. ("Noehren"). Since Claims 2, 3, 10, and 11 have been cancelled, this rejection is considered moot.

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Larsen in view of either U.S. Patent No. 2,754,937 to Buivid ("Buivid") or Jensen. Since Claim 25 has been cancelled, this rejection is considered moot.

Claims 1-17 and 22-25 have been cancelled merely to expedite the issuance of a patent for the presently-allowed claims. Thus, the cancellation of Claims 1-17 and 22-25 is not to be interpreted as a concession of any basis for rejecting Claims 1-17 and 22-25. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue cancelled Claims 1-17 and 22-25 in this or another patent application.

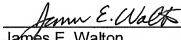
CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment is being filed via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's EFS-Web electronic filing system. No fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 502806**.

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